

ABSTRACT

5 A multi-layered flooring composite with an
acoustic underlayment. In one embodiment, the
acoustic underlayment or layer includes a plurality
of discrete beads of substantially elastic,
resilient material. Portions of adjacent beads abut
one another and other portions of the adjacent beads
are spaced from each other. In the preferred
embodiment, substantially all of the adjacent beads
are integrally joined together at their abutting
10 portions. The beads preferably have substantially
truncated spherical shapes and are made of closed
cell foam.